

Timeline of Federal Immigration Correspondence

December 30, 2005 – Governor sends letter to Secretary Rumsfeld requesting federal funding under Title 32 of the United States Code to implement Arizona National Guard operations at federal border in a supportive role to ongoing border security activities.

January 9, 2006 – Governor delivers State of the State address announcing she has asked Secretary Rumsfeld to invoke article 32 of the federal code, which allows the federal government to pay for stationing the National Guard at the border.

January 13, 2006 – Governor sends letter to Secretary Chertoff requesting greater efficiency in information sharing between the U.S. Border Patrol, ICE and the state of Arizona. She also expressed concern over the ICE agents removed from Arizona that have not been replaced.

February 2, 2006 – Governor receives letter from the Department of Defense denying funding under Title 32 because border security does not meet the statutory requirements of “homeland defense activities.” The letter also refers the Governor to the Department of Homeland Security.

February 23, 2006 – Governor receives a letter from the Department of Homeland Security denying her request for more active information sharing and referring her to the Department of Defense for questions regarding reimbursement for National Guard activities.

February 27, 2006 -- Governor meets with Secretary Rumsfeld and asks him to reconsider the decision of the Department of Defense regarding Title 32 funding.

March 7, 2006 – Governor writes a letter jointly to Secretaries Rumsfeld and Chertoff reiterating her request for federal assistance in securing the border.

March 8, 2006 – Governor issues Executive Order authorizing an increased National Guard presence at the federal border.

April 17, 2006 – Governor receives joint letter from Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security stating that they conduct “further analysis” at the Governor’s request, and that if she believed the State was not adequately funded, to submit an additional request. They state the National Guard missions must be narrowly defined, limited in scope, and directly in support of civilian law enforcement. Also, they again deny Title 32 funding citing the mission as being outside the statute.

April 25, 2006 – Governor sends letter to Secretaries Rumsfeld and Chertoff in response to their offer and requests additional monies for “grossly under-funded” counter-drug operations at the border.